



MONTANA PETROLEUM MARKETERS  
& CONVENIENCE STORE ASSOCIATION

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**BUSINESS & LABOR**

EXHIBIT NO. 1  
DATE 1-9-07  
BILL NO. SB43

To: Senator Vickie Cocchiarella, Chair  
Senate Business & Labor Committee  
Members of Committee

Re: Senate Bill 43

On behalf of the MPMCSA, I would like to offer our support of Senate Bill 43. The Association represents small, independent business people who distribute and retail petroleum products in Montana. Currently the Association is representative of 95% of the distributor base and approximately 85% of the retail locations in the State.

Senate Bill 43 eliminates the added burden of obtaining or renewing a license more than once in a 12 month period. We appreciate the Department's efforts to coordinate with the One-Stop licensing program by issuing licenses on an anniversary date vs. a calendar date. This will make the procedure consistent with other licensing programs.

Thank you for your attention;

Ronna Alexander, Executive Director

cc: Senator Mitch Tropila



# Purpose of Act

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- ❑ §16-1-101, Montana Code Annotated provides for a declaration of policy
- ❑ "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Montana to effectuate and ensure the entire control of the manufacture, sale, importation, and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the state of Montana, as that term is defined in this code, subject to the authority of the state of Montana through the Montana department of revenue."
- ❑ "This code is an exercise of the police power of the state, in and for the protection of the welfare, health, peace, morals, and safety of the people of the state, and of the state's power under the 21<sup>st</sup> amendment to the United States constitution to control the transportation and importation of alcoholic beverages into the state. The provisions of this code must be broadly construed to accomplish these purposes."